

The Morning Star

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“Gregory the Great”

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Gregory the Great (c. 540-604) was born into an aristocratic family and assumed an important municipal office before yielding to a call to the monastic life in his early 30s. Cashing in his considerable real estate holdings, he founded seven monasteries

and gave the rest of his wealth to the poor. He developed missionary ambitions when he encountered Anglo-Saxon youths being sold in a Roman slave market, and he resolved to travel to Britain with the gospel. But then the pope died and Gregory was, reluctantly, elected to the post.

His tenure as pope was marked by the prudent and skillful management of a variety of challenging civil and church issues. But he eschewed pomposity and authoritarianism. Rather, he adopted the humble title, *servus servorum Dei*, the ‘servant of the servants of God’.

His connections with us today remain strong.

To begin with, the English Church, to which this college traces its roots, was largely established by a mission to Britain under the direction of Augustine, whom Gregory dispatched to Canterbury in 596. Gregory understood the importance of gospel contextualisation when he instructed Augustine not

to destroy the pagan temples, but only the idols in them, and gave him permission to refashion cultural festivals for Christian purposes. If he were a student today, I am certain that Gregory would be in the MDiv Pioneer stream.

However, there is another reason why Gregory the Great is a notable figure for us today. It is because of his insight into the pastoral calling and what is required for leadership in Christ’s Church. His work *Pastoral Care* describes the responsibilities clergy face and how a healthy inner life can sustain us in our vocations. Mindful of the fact that there are some in our Wycliffe community who are struggling with the nature of God’s call, let us conclude with what Gregory says about those who desire to be leaders compared to those who feel compelled to be leaders.

Gregory cites as our biblical guide the two examples of Isaiah and Jeremiah. In the case of Isaiah, when the Lord asks, ‘Whom shall I send?’ the prophet replies: ‘Here am I! Send me!’ (6.8). By contrast, Jeremiah shrinks from the divine call: ‘Ah! Lord God, I am not skilled in speaking; I am too young!’ (1.6). Both reactions, in Gregory’s view, were laudable. And they were both acceptable to God. For Isaiah’s eagerness was conditioned by the cleansing coal, while Jeremiah’s reluctance was overcome by the gifts of grace. Cleansing and grace, humility and obedience, may these be the instruments of God’s work in our lives as we seek to respond faithfully to his call.

From the Registrar's Office...

- Please pay attention to [important dates](#) such as the last day to add a class in the fall is September 15, Reading Week dates and the last day of classes. **Please note that the last date to drop a class without academically penalty is not the same date to have a full refund of fees.** Check out the [Refund Schedule](#) to avoid paying tuition for dropped classes.
- Please pay your fees soon, either in full or part to ensure that you will not be financially cancelled (FINCA'd) by the U of T. **There is a late penalty fee of \$100 if we have to re- register you after the FINCA date.**
- If you have been awarded a Wycliffe Bursary the money will be paid to U of T against your tuition balance in mid- September.
- You **must set up a U of T email account** and remember to check it at least weekly. TST, U of T and the college will only communicate through the U of T email.
- Students here on campus have been assigned a mail box and you should look for the box under your assigned number (literally your box is located beneath the number!) and again remember to check it each day you are here on campus.
- SSHRC application deadline is 4:30 PM (EST), October 12, 2018. Click [here](#) for application and eligibility information, and check out the [TST Scholarship and Bursaries page](#) for more information. An application guide is also available [here](#).



Wycliffe Wednesday Writing Series
with Rachel Lott

Sep 19, 1:45-3:15
Academic Writing: the next level
(open to new students)

Wycliffe Sports

Interested in intramural sports?
Sign-up sheets available on the bulletin board

Email the Sports Coordinator, Dayo,
for any questions or clarifications:
adedayo.olusegun@mail.utoronto.ca

Inviting all Wycliffe musicians to be a part
of music in the Chapel.

MUSICIANS WANTED

Tuesday, During Lunch (1:00-2:00) in the Conference Room
with the Chaplain, Annette Brownlee



The University of Toronto has launched Quercus, the replacement to Portal (Blackboard). The log-in link has changed to q.utoronto.ca. Returning students will find a lot of similarities to Portal with some updated interfaces. If you have any questions please contact Jeffrey Hocking (jhocking@wycliffe.utoronto.ca) or visit the following page: qstudents.utoronto.ca.

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THEOLOGY PUB NIGHT

This Month's Guest: Jonathan Pageau
Fri, Sep 28, 7:00pm, Leonard Hall

Henderson
BREWING COMPANY



#wycliffesermons

#thursdaymorningprayer

THE VISIBLE SHAPE OF
CHRIST'S LIFE IN US

Sep 13: +Stephen Andrews
"Law of the Spirit" (Gal 5:1-5)

Sep 20: Annette Brownlee
"Works of the Flesh" (Gal 5:16-21)

Sep 27: Mari Leesment
"Love" (Gal 5:22-26)

Oct 4: Glen Taylor
"Joy" (Gal 5:22-26)

Oct 11: Marion Taylor
"Peace" (Gal 5:22-26)

Oct 18: Joseph Mangina
"Patience" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 1: Andy Witt
"Kindness" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 8: Thomas Power
"Generosity" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 15: Ephraim Radner
"Faithfulness" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 22: Judy Paulsen
"Gentleness" (Gal 5:22-26)

Nov 29: Peter Robinson
"Self-Control" (Gal 5:22-26)

Dec 6: David Kupp
"Good and Evil" (Matt 7:17-19)



This Wednesday

3:00 WHAT'S UP WITH ANGLICAN SERVICES?

**4:45 EUCHARIST (WITH HOMILIST: ANNETTE
BROWNLEE)**

6:00 COMMUNITY DINNER (REFECTORY)

Mark Your Calendar!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9 Retreat Ends	10 First Day of Classes!	11	12 3:00 Wed. Event: What's Up with Anglican Services? (chapel) 4:45 Eucharist 6:00 Community Dinner	13 Morning Prayer: +Stephen Andrews	14 Last Day to Add Classes Field Ed Orientation	15
16 Founder's Day	17	18	19 3:00 Wed. Event: Lawson Murray 4:45 Eucharist 6:00 Community Dinner	20 Morning Prayer: Annette Brownlee	21	22
23	24	25	26 3:00 Wed. Event: Bishop Jenny Anderson 4:45 Eucharist 6:00 Community Dinner	27 Morning Prayer: Mari Leesment	28 Board Meeting Theology in the Pub: Jonathan Pageau	29 Faith & Arts Night
30	Oct 1	2 Sarah Coakley Event	3 TST Agape @ St. Augustine's	4 Morning Prayer: Glen Taylor	5	6

Chapel Service Schedule

	Service	Sacristan	Officiant / Homilist	Readers, Servers, etc.	Greeters
Mon	MP	S. Lawley	E. Radner	K. Moolman; A. Olusegun	A. Olusegun
	Taize	Z. Bartkus	A. Brownlee	M. Brain; T. Hubschmidt	
Tue	MP	L. Hurst	<i>P. Robinson</i>	H. Mudge; K. Moolman	M. Kam
	Evensong	S. Lawley	E.-R. Teel	R. Bartlett; J. Mangina	R. Bartlett
Wed	MP	B. Poole	+SGWA	B. Jenkins; A. Witt	M. Kam
	Eucharist	B. Poole	A. Brownlee	B. Tshin; A. Olusegun; L. Hurst	A. Olusegun
Thu	MP	J. Low.-Samuels	Power/Paulsen/+SGWA	A. Witt	D. Butorac
	P&P	Z. Bartkus	G. Taylor		
Fri	MP	J. Low.-Samuels	A. Brownlee	K. Moolman; B. Tshin	K. Moolman
	Inform. EP	L. Hurst	R. Bartlett, etc.	Z. Bartkus	

CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Morning Prayer
Mon-Fri, 8:30a

Wine Before Breakfast
Tue, 7:22a

Taize Evening Prayer
Mon, 5:30p

Sung Evensong
Tue, 5:30p

Community Eucharist
Wed, 4:45p

Prayer & Praise
Thu, 5:00p

Informal Evening Prayer
Fri, 5:30



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